

# SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN ONCOLOGY

**DID YOU KNOW?** Social Workers are employed in Psychosocial Oncology, which is a specialty in cancer care.

Oncology Social Workers help individuals, their families and caregivers by:

- Supporting individuals and families through all stages of the cancer experience; from prevention, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, palliation and bereavement
- Assessing for cancer related distress from a biopsychosocial and spiritual perspective
- Developing treatment interventions to address financial, practical, physical, social, emotional and spiritual impacts of cancer
- Providing education and supportive counselling and therapy
- Promoting self-advocacy and intervening to help individuals navigate the health care system
- Advocating for services and access to care that promotes and respects each individuals' values, beliefs and rights while preserving personal dignity

There are over 1600 social workers registered to practice social work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Further information about the social work profession can be found at [www.nlcsw.ca](http://www.nlcsw.ca) or by contacting:

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